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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY REPORT OF BREAK-IN AND POSSIBLE COMPROMISE  
OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL - U.S. MILITARY GROUP, CARACAS

REF: BERGIN/HARRICK TELCON DATED 10 FEBRUARY

1. SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 9/10, 1977, UNKNOWN  
INTRUDERS FORCIBLY ENTERED THE OFFICES OF THE U.S. ARMY SECTION,  
USMILGP, CARACAS, VENEZUELA. U.S. ARMY SECTION IS LOCATED AP-  
PROXIMATELY SEVEN MILES FROM THE EMBASSY ON THE PREMISES OF A  
VENEZUELAN ARMY INSTALLATION. THE GARRISON AREA ON WHICH THE U.S.  
ARMY SECTION IS SITUATED, IS AFFORDED 24-HOUR GUARD PROTECTION,  
PROVIDED BY VENEZUELAN ARMY SENTRIES.

2. THE INTRUDERS FORCIBLY OPENED THE COLE-STEEL REPOSITORY THAT  
HOUSES UNKNOWN QUANTITIES OF CONFIDENTIAL AND LOU MATERIAL FOR THE  
U.S. ARMY SECTION. THERE EXISTS A DEFINITE POSSIBILITY THAT THE  
MATERIAL HAS BEEN COMPROMISED, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO EVIDENCE  
THAT ANY OF THE DOCUMENTS ARE MISSING. AT PRESENT, THERE IS  
NO INDICATION THAT SECRET MATERIAL WAS STORED IN SAID CABINET.

3. INVESTIGATIONS OF RSO CARACAS AND USMILGP CARACAS ARE ONGOING,  
AND WILL DETAIL THEIR FINDINGS IN A SUBSEQUENT REPORT.

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